

Testimony in Opposition of HB 1434

Department of Human Services - Electronic Benefits Transfer Cards – Restoration of Benefits
Hearing of Senate Finance and Senate Budget & Taxation Committees, March 21, 2024

My name is Tyson, and I am a Baltimore resident. I am writing to oppose House Bill 1434, which would take away the right of Marylanders to receive reimbursement of stolen food and cash benefits when theft occurs if there are no funds budgeted or if available funds run out in the middle of the fiscal year.

Reimbursement is important because this is all some families have. It is people's income. People depend on this. People lose their places and have to start from the beginning and they lose things that they've accomplished.

When I got my benefits stolen, it was because I went to an ATM machine that had been tampered with across the street. I was told they can copy your pin number and card number. Someone took a copy and took all of my funds off of it. The machine took all of my information.